GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF HANDLOOM ITEMS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the Handloom items exported various countries during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the Government has formulated any special scheme keeping in view the increasing demand of Indian Handloom products in other countries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) Major Handloom items exported during the last three years are broadly classified under two categories: cotton handloom fabrics, comprising real madras handkerchiefs, lungies, dhotis, sarees, shirtings, furnishings etc. and cotton handloom made-ups, comprising bed linen, table linen, toilet & kitchen linen, curtains, carpets & floor coverings, bedspread/bed covers, other furnishing articles, clothing accessories etc.

(b) to (c) Yes, Sir. In order to give impetus to the export of handloom products, a scheme namely `Development of Exportable Products and their Marketing (DEPM)` had been in operation since 1996-97 till the end of the 9th Plan. The scheme continues to be implemented during the 10th Five Year Plan under the name of `Handloom Export Scheme`. The Handloom Export Scheme envisages provision of financial assistance to the handloom agencies such as National and State Level Handloom Corporations, Apex Cooperative Societies, Primary Handloom Weavers` Cooperative Societies and Private Handloom Exporters for development of export worthy handloom products, publicity & international marketing thereof and setting up of value addition/quality control units. Financial assistance is also provided under the scheme to Handloom Export Promotion Council (HEPC), Association of Corporations and Apex Societies of Handlooms (ACASH) etc. for organising participation of their members in international fairs/exhibitions/Buyer-Seller -Meets.

Details of financial assistance provided under the scheme to various handloom agencies during the last three years are as under: -

S.No.	Year	Financial assistance provided (Rs. In lakh)
1.	2001-2002	Rs. 325.02
2.	2002-2003	Rs. 305.90
3.	2003-2004	Rs. 441.68